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a story about believing

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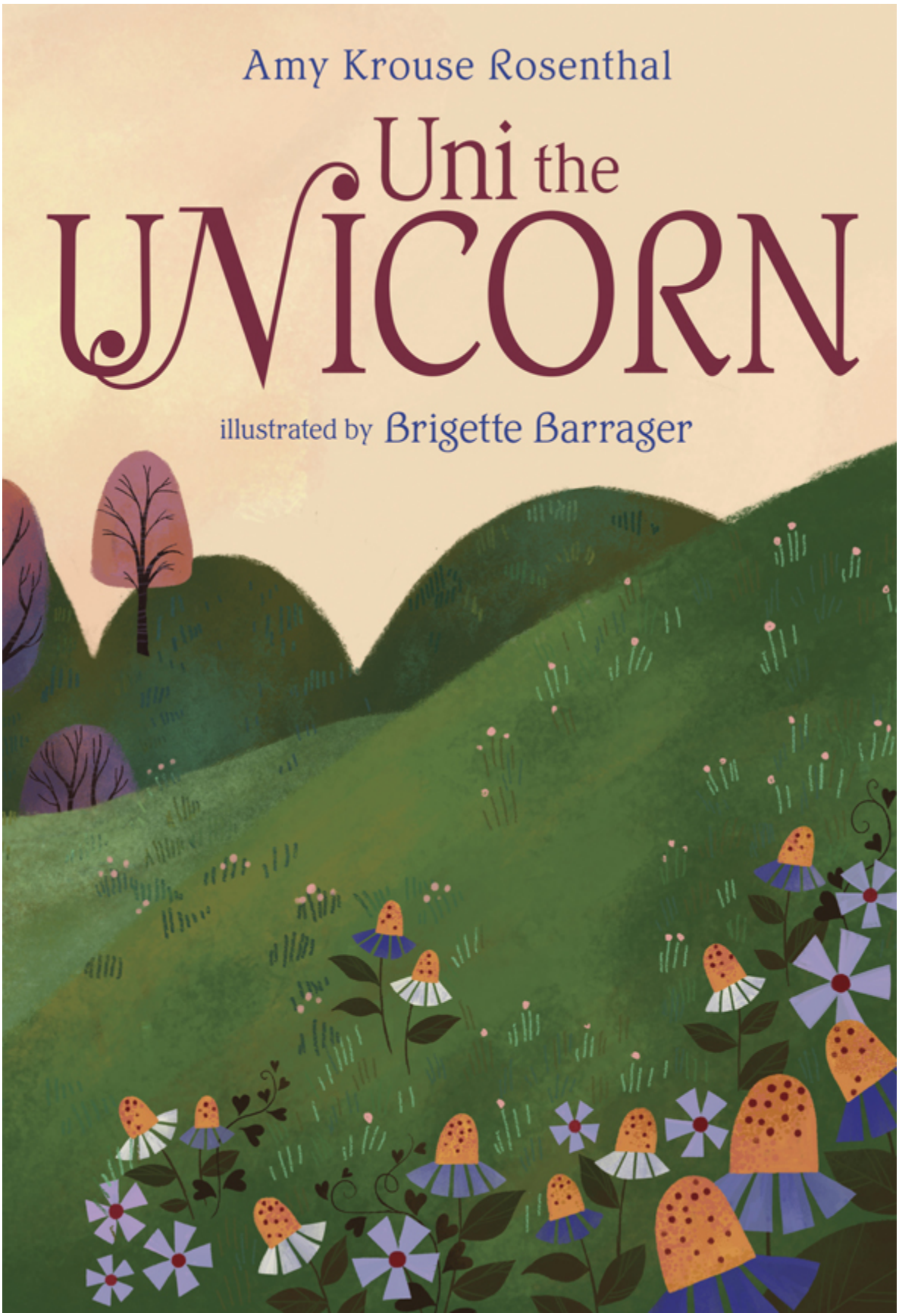

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For magical you, Uni(verse)
—A.K.R.

To Sean and Kirsten, for believing in me
—B.B.

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*I*n almost every way, Uni was like all the other unicorns.

Magnificent mane (though Uni's was *extra* magnificent). Golden hooves (though Uni's were *extra* golden).

Sparkling purple eyes (though Uni's were *extra* sparkling).

Like the other unicorns, Uni had a special swirly horn with the power to heal and mend.

And like the other unicorns, Uni could make wishes come true.

But there was one thing that definitely set Uni apart....

Uni believed that little girls were REAL.

Uni's friends laughed and said, "Ha, ha, ha, silly Uni. Everyone knows there's no such thing as little girls! They're just make-believe!"

At home, Uni's parents just brushed it off with knowing smiles.

But Uni was certain, absolutely certain, that little girls were real, no matter what everyone else said.

Uni knew that somewhere far away (but not *that* far away), there was a little girl waiting ... a strong smart wonderful magical little girl.

And she would be the best friend a unicorn could ever ask for.

Uni imagined all the things they would do together....

They would run fast through the meadow.

They would spin and twirl in the sunlight.

They would explore, and help forest creatures in need.

Other times, they would just sit quietly and talk about important things.

And of course of course of course they would slide down rainbows together.

Uni fell asleep that night and had enchanted dreams.

What Uni did not yet know, but would discover soon enough, was that somewhere far away (but not *that* far away) ...

... there was indeed a real little girl.

And even though her friends said, “Ha, ha, ha. Unicorns are just make-believe!”

And despite her parents' knowing smiles ...

... this little girl was certain, absolutely certain, that there was a unicorn, a strong smart wonderful magical unicorn ...

... just waiting to be her friend.

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